Remarks

In the Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, the Examiner subjected claims 1-181 of the application to a restriction requirement. On page 2 of the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-17 and 135-181 are drawn to Apparatus of a semiconductor device; while claims 118-134 are drawn to Method of Making a semiconductor device. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Office Action contained a typographical error and the Examiner intended to group claims 18-134 and not 118-134.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with the invention as defined in claims 1-14 and 180-181 in the instant application.

On pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the group contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a. Species of Figure 3.
- b. Species of Figure 4A-B.
- c. Species of Figure 6A-B.
- d. Species of Figure 8A-B.
- e. Species of Figure 11.
- f. Species of Figure 12.
- g. Species of Figure 13.
- h. Species of Figure 15.
- i. Species of Figure 16.
- j. Species of Figure 18.
- k. Species of Figure 20.
- 1. Species of Figure 21.
- m. Species of Figure 26.
- n. Species of Figure 29.
- o. Species of Figure 30A-B.
- p. Species of Figure 35A.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with the claims directed toward Figure 3.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present application is in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions with regard to the instant response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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